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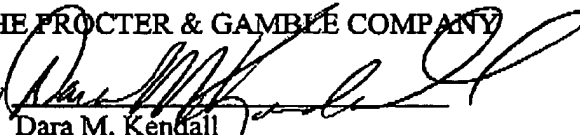
Application No. : 09/529,575
 Applicant(s) : F.J. Rourke et al.
 Filed : April 14, 2000
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 TC/A.U. : 3761
 Examiner : C.L. Anderson
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on July 12, 2004, which set a three-month period for response. Please consider the following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.